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SUBJECT: W/W STEPHAN SALER

DEPT FOR SCA AND EUR (ITALY)

1. MR. STEPHAN SALER, BORN MARCH 28, 1939, PENNSYLVANIA, VICE DIRECTOR NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE IN PARIS, WITH HIS FRIEND, CLAUDE REMY MERCIER, A FRENCH NATIONAL, BORN JANUARY 27, 1943 AT MEJRNESS, HAVE BEEN REPORTED MISSING FROM CAGLIARI, SARDINIA, SINCE SEPTEMBER 27, 1973. NOTIFICATION WAS FIRST RECEIVED AT EMBASSY YESTERDAY MORNING OCTOBER 2 FROM MR. LARIMORE, NEWSWEEK REPRESENTATIVE ROME. YESTERDAY AFTERNOON EMBASSY LEARNED MISSING PERSONS MAY HAVE BEEN LOST IN MOUNTAINS AND ITALIAN POLICE INITIATED INTENSIVE SEARCH. TODAY IT WAS LEARNED THEY HAD RENTED A BOAT WHICH HAS NOT BEEN FOUND. SALER'S BROTHER RICHARD CALLED EMBASSY AT NOON TODAY FROM CAGLIARI REQUESTING EMBASSY IMMEDIATELY ORDER SIXTH FLEET TO USE THEIR FACILITIES IN ALL OUT AIR, LAND, SEA RESCUE MISSION TO LOCATE HIS BROTHER NOW SUSPECTED LOST AT SEA ON A SKIFF (ROW BOAT) WITH HIS FRIEND.

2. EMBASSY THRU POL/MIL AND DEFENSE ATTACHE HAS REQUESTED ASSISTANCE OF U.S. NAVAL AUTHORITIES IN NAPLES (AND THROUGH THEM HDQS., USAFE IN RAMSTEIN WHO HAS PRINCIPAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUCH SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS).

3. MARITIME ATTACHE HAS ALERTED ITALIAN MINISTRY OF MERCHANT UNCLASSIFIED

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MARINE AND THE COMMANDANT OF TRANSPORTATION AND AIR ASSISTANCE,

CIAMPINO. LEGAT HAS INFORMED APPROPRIATE ITALIAN POLICE AUTHORITIES THAT U.S. AIR, SEA, LAND RESCUE SEARCH MAY BE PUT INTO OPERATION.

4. LEGAT WISHES TO POINT OUT THAT ITALIAN POLICE HAVE ALERTED THEIR REPRESENTATIVES THROUGHOUT ITALY AND HAVE CONDUCTED INTENSIVE AND SERIOUS INQUIRIES INTO THIS MATTER SINCE THEY WERE FIRST ALERTED TO SALER'S DISAPPEARANCE YESTERDAY. THEY HAVE PRESSED INTO SERVICE ITALIAN AIR AND SURFACE CRAFT AVAILABLE TO POLICE FORCES IN THE CAGLIARI AREA AND ARE CONTINUING TO VIGOROUSLY FOLLOW THIS MATTER WITH ALL MEANS AT THEIR DISPOSAL.

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